

In the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0001] and [0047] with the following paragraphs, respectively:

[0001] This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/245,102, filed November 1, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/248,341, filed November 13, 2000.

[0047] Until the registration expires 300, the domain record is in the zone file for the relevant domain. For a short period after the expiration 302, the domain record is still cached at local root name servers, but propagation of the change across all servers is not complete. Services such as a Web site and e-mail for that domain name will still work while the domain is listed in the root name servers. After the domain name record is off the name servers, any associated Web site and e-mail stop functioning. During the period 304 between the domain name being registered and the registration being purged, the record is still in the SRS. After the name is no longer in the SRS, it is available for a subsequent registration. For the period 306 after the record is no longer in the root servers but before it is purged, the Web site and e-mail for that domain name no longer function, but the name is not available for registration by the general public.

The following “red-line” versions show the changes:

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